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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, May 18.—Cool weather still holds on and makes the farmers somewhat blue over their cotton crops, while they admit that they have had just the finest kind of weather to get their cotton crop that came up in shape for growing when the rains come. The earth is very dry, and the water is low in the streams. The cotton that is not up will not come up until a rain comes. There is not moisture enough in the soil to sprout the seed planted. Corn crops growing fine. The oat crop will be short on account of the dry weather.

Miss Rena Reeder, of Newberry, is spending a while with Mrs. Herbert Ehrhardt.

School commencements will soon be in operation, then we will have a chance to know what improvement our little ones have made.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Copeland have our sympathy in their bereavement. Little Douglas has left us all and gone where the troubles and toils of this life and earth will not bother him. While he was a promising son to Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, the Lord had use for him in other fields. Little Douglas, after several days illness, died last Friday and was buried in Ehrhardt cemetery about five o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Some candidates are talking strong about their coming election at the various polls. Hope there will be no disappointment for them at the winding up.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, May 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Drawdy, Messrs. Sadler and Smith, of Olar, visited Mrs. Jno. Harter last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Boltin have returned to their home at Gainesville, Fla., after spending some time with their mother, Mrs. C. M. Compton.

Mrs. H. A. Brant, aged 78, is now visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Compton.

Miss Penny Thomas visited friends here last week.

Probbie Hiers, of Ehrhardt, was a guest here last week.

Jas. Compton made a flying trip here Saturday to see relatives.

Mrs. L. O. Browning, who has spent some time here with Mrs. C. M. Davis, has gone to Olar to visit friends there.

Mrs. Sam Jenkins is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Jenkins.

Rev. and Mrs. Keff Smith, of Beaufort, and Mr. Reed Smith, of Columbia, were recent guests of Mrs. S. L. Sanders.

Mrs. Willie Hiers and little daughter, Dorothy, of Florence, Mrs. Ben Ehrhardt and Mrs. Hucks, of Ehrhardt, are visiting their parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Groseclose.

Misses Porter and Albergotti gave a hose shower Friday afternoon, May 15th, for Miss Flora Kenny.

The teachers and high school girls were the principal participants, and all passed off merrily. Some beautiful and substantial gifts were tendered Miss Kenny, the June bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Rivers are spending some time with their sister, Mrs. Nat Weekley.

Mrs. W. L. Brooks and Miss Frances Lea have gone to Charleston on a visit.

A number of our citizens are called to Barnwell this week to attend court.

FRANK HEARING POSTPONED.

Motion to Set Aside Verdict to Be Argued Next Saturday.

Atlanta, Ga., May 18.—Hearings on the motion to set aside the verdict by which Leo M. Frank was pronounced guilty of the murder of Mary Phagan here over a year ago, to-day were postponed by Judge Ben H. Hill, in the superior court, until next Saturday. The postponement was granted upon request of attorneys on both sides. The motion is based upon the claim that Frank's constitutional rights were violated in that he was not present in court when the verdict was returned. Frank now is under sentence of death for the factory girl's murder.

WHITMAN COMPLETES CASE.

Places Star Witness on Stand in Becker Trial.

New York, May 18.—District Attorney Whitman to-day completed his case against Charles Becker by placing on the witness stand two men whom he considered his star witnesses—Charles B. Plitt, Jr., the former policeman's friend, companion and press agent, and James Marshall, a negro youth, who said he saw Becker and Jack Rose talking at the "Harlem Conference," which was declared by the court of appeals to have been the "heart of the conspiracy to murder Herman Rosenthal." The gambler's widow and several other persons also testified before the prosecutor declared his case ended.

VESSEL HELD BY MEXICANS.

At Manzanillo Taking of Vera Cruz Regarded as War.

San Francisco, May 17.—Details of the murder of Americans, the capture by a Mexican transport of the American brig Geneva, the imprisonment of United States Consul Clement S. Edwards, of Acapulco and many atrocities on the Mexican west coast were brought in to-day by officers and one hundred and fifty refugees on the British steamer Cetriana, which arrived from Manzanillo.

The story of the taking of the Geneva was told by Capt. Ferguson, of the Geneva, to Lieut. Edward J. Minister, royal naval reserve, commander of the Cetriana. According to the refugees, when news of the capture of Vera Cruz by the United States reached the west coast it was taken by the Mexicans as the beginning of war. The Mexicans were inflamed to a high pitch, they say, and the Americans abandoned their homes and fled. All believed they would have been killed if they had stayed.

As the Cetriana got away from the dock at Manzanillo, manœvering adroitly out of what is reported to be an attempt to hem it in by four Mexican steamers, a rifle fire was directed against it. Many bullets struck the steamer.

Score of Murders.

Upward of a score of murders, mostly of Americans, were reported by the Cetriana's passengers, but it was difficult to trace any of them to an authoritative source. On April 21, after discharging its cargo at Guaymas, Mazatlan and San Blas, the brig Geneva was ready to sail north, except that it needed water and provisions, was the story told Lieut. Minister by Capt. Ferguson.

That night the news of the taking of Vera Cruz was received and the San Blas port officials notified the Geneva that war had been declared between the United States and Mexico. They would give Capt. Ferguson no water or provisions, but told him to sail. He took on four American refugees, including a woman with a baby and sailed.

There was not sufficient water aboard for the Geneva to reach an American port, and Capt. Ferguson decided to proceed to a point off Manzanillo, where he arrived April 25, five miles from the harbor. There was no American warship in sight and the Geneva headed out to sea. On April 26 she was twelve miles off Manzanillo, in a flat calm.

The Mexican transport Korriggan, with an armed crew, steamed out of Manzanillo and approached her. Capt. Ferguson hoisted the American ensign on their order. The Mexican commander hailed Capt. Ferguson, told him war was on and said he had orders to seize the Geneva as a prize of war and all Americans aboard as prisoners of war.

Taken as Prize of War.

There was no escape and the Korriggan towed the Geneva to Manzanillo. Port officials came aboard and got a statement from Capt. Ferguson. They were courteous, but ordered no one to leave the vessel. The next day, the 27th, the Cetriana arrived.

Preacher is Prosecutor.

Anderson, May 18.—After being out nearly two hours Judge Prince instructed the jury hearing the case against Will Miles, a white man, for slander, to bring in a sealed verdict to-morrow morning. The prosecutor in the case is the Rev. E. N. Sanders, pastor of the Second Baptist church. Miles declared that Mr. Sanders was with him in the red light district of Greenville when the minister was there attending B. Y. P. U. convention last February. The court house has been crowded with spectators during the entire day.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Rudolph M. Hoffman, an immigration officer at Ellis Island, N. Y., owes his life to his watch, which stopped a bullet fired at him.

Dirt has been broken for the new \$60,000 hotel to be built in Aiken. It will be built by a joint stock company of Aiken men.

A St. Louis man's affinity declares it's all the fault of his wife, who once forced him to escort her home when she was lonesome.

Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, has had a speech inserted in the Congressional Record at Washington more than 900,000 words long.

A Trenton, N. J., woman, suing her husband for support of herself and five children, charges him with having two wives and ten children.

The United States senate has declared war on the cigarette beetle, which lays its eggs in tobacco used for cigars, and has increased the appropriation to eradicate it.

M. B. Hancock, 81, has grown a third set of teeth in Waco, Tex. A dentist discovered that three teeth, which were causing Hancock pain, were being replaced by new ones.

Philadelphia aeronauts have ordered a balloon of sixty-five thousand feet capacity and this summer will try to excel the world's altitude record of twenty-six thousand feet.

Experiments made at Clemson college have shown that the best distance at which to plant sweet potatoes is eighteen inches apart in the rows, with rows three to four feet apart.

A special to the Augusta Chronicle from Lexington says that George Bell Timmerman, solicitor of the 11th circuit, is being urged to run for governor and has the matter under consideration.

Dwight Stebbins, a former Cincinnati policeman, charged with many purposeless thefts, admits that he cannot control his impulses to steal, the desire being caused by a blow on the head inflicted several years ago.

Senator Tillman has given out an interview favoring reform of the primary and outlining a scheme which he believes will result in honest elections. He says the white men of the State had just as well realize that unless something is done this will be our last white primary.

Goes to Florida for Man.

Anderson, May 18.—Sheriff Ashley went to Jacksonville this afternoon to bring back a negro, John Thomas, 20 years old, who is charged with making an improper advance on the young daughter of a substantial and well-known farmer of the Honea Path section, just across the line in Abbeville county, Saturday. A negro is said to have been concealed in the bushes and attracting the girl's attention, beckoning her to come to him. She screamed, and an old negro man working in a nearby field went to her rescue. A crowd of two hundred scoured the country Saturday afternoon and night and prosecuted the search through Sunday without result. Sheriff Ashley learned that a negro bought a ticket at Ninety-Six for Jacksonville, and he wired authorities there. The negro, John Thomas, was caught early this afternoon below Jacksonville.

ASKED \$1,000; GIVEN \$8.34

Woman Carried Beyond Her Destination Sues Southern Railway.

Spartanburg, May 19.—Mrs. Barbara Sarratt was awarded \$8.34 in a suit against the Southern Railway for \$1,000 damages by a jury in common pleas court Monday. She complained that she bought a ticket for Gramling and boarded a train bound in the direction of that town, but was carried three miles beyond Gramling before the conductor stopped the train and permitted her to leave. She suffered mental anguish as a result, she averred, and her little daughter, who accompanied her, contracted an illness.

The railway company's defence was that the train Mrs. Sarratt boarded was not supposed to stop at Gramling, either to allow passengers to get off or on, and Mrs. Sarratt should have known that the train did not make the stop she desired. Judge Thomas S. Sease is presiding over this term of court.

TIDWELL TRIAL BEGINS.

Temporary Insanity Plea for Man Accused of Killing Walker.

Greenville, May 18.—Temporary insanity will be a plea of the defence in the case of G. W. Tidwell, Sr., on trial here for his life, charged with killing R. Emmett Walker, on the twelfth day of last March. Tidwell, was arraigned yesterday, in the general sessions court, with Judge T. J. Mauldin, presiding. The State is represented by Solicitor Bonham and the firm of Cothran, Dean & Cothran. The defence is represented by Townes, Earle and Price.

Testimony taken to-day, was partly corroborative of the testimony taken at the coroner's inquest. The manner of the killing was reviewed.

Tidwell took the stand late in the afternoon and was undergoing a severe cross-examination at the hands of Solicitor Bonham, when court adjourned until to-morrow, when he will resume his story.

Tidwell told of a note, which caused him to come to Greenville, but denied that the writer of the note had been instructed to watch his wife and daughter. Notwithstanding this fact, the writer sent the note to Cheraw, where Tidwell was at the time. It was also shown that the note could not have reached him had it been mailed at the time he said he presumed it was mailed.

Several of the jurors wept when the mother of the dead boy took the stand. Col. Dean had this question put to jurors: "If selected as a juror in this case, will you act according to the evidence you hear on the stand and according to the law as explained by the court, uninfluenced by other motives?" This, it is said, was to head off the "unwritten law" plea. The jurors are mostly farmers. Eleven of them are married men with daughters.

Ollie Tidwell, the girl whom the defence charges young Walker seduced, took the stand, but her testimony was cut short when the defence changed its procedure and introduced the defendant.

Interest in the case is intense here, as Walker was a member of a prominent family and as the killing took place in such a sensational manner. The killing of Walker was the result of the arrest of Tidwell's wife and daughter in an alleged house of disrepute here on March 7. The women and the two men were in the same room of this house. Tidwell came to Greenville the night after the arrest was made and the following Thursday he went to Carolina Mills, called Walker out and shot him dead. Walker was unarmed at the time. Tidwell, it is claimed, had endeavored to get Walker to marry his daughter and to get the other man to marry his wife. Zach had refused.

GOT HIS REVENGE.

Texas Shriner Who Was Locked up as a Joke.

Atlanta, May 14.—F. E. Kepple's fellow Shriners had him pinched Monday for impersonating an officer, and let him stay in police station half an hour before they told Assistant Chief Jett it was all a joke.

But Monday night, dressed in his masquerade uniform of a policeman, he found revenge by arresting six Shriners and their ladies, all in evening dress, who were returning in an automobile from the ball at the auditorium.

"You've been speeding," he charged, as he stepped on the running board of the machine. "Head for police station."

They were locked in a State ward, where desperate criminals usually are confined, remained there a few hours, then were released.

Kepple is of El Mina temple, Houston, Tex., and is city editor of the Houston Chronicle.

FLAGGED TRAIN, SAVED LIFE.

Wisconsin Man Crawled Half Mile With Arm Almost Off.

With his left arm hanging to his shoulder by shreds, as the result of a railroad accident on the St. Paul railroad, near the Illinois State line, recently, says a Racine, Wis., dispatch to the Milwaukee Sentinel, Bernard Longwell, of this city, crawled for half a mile to a signal station, switched the semaphore to a danger signal and stopped a fast train in order to get assistance. His display of fortitude probably saved his life, as he was in danger of death from loss of blood.

He was rushed to this city, and at the hospital to-day it was said he had a chance for recovery.

HOPE FOR FEDERAL AID.

BYRNES THINKS ROAD BILL MAY PASS.

South Carolina Congressman Believes Principle is Main Thing at Stake.

Washington, May 19.—Congressman Byrnes of South Carolina to-day held a conference with the secretary of agriculture and the director of public roads regarding the policy of the administration towards the good roads question.

Notwithstanding the fact that the road bill which passed the house some months ago has not yet been reported to the senate, Mr. Byrnes still hopes that such a bill will be enacted at this session. He has conferred also with members of the subcommittee of the postoffice committee of the senate having the bill in charge, and is assured by these senators that they will endeavor to have this bill taken up by the whole committee and reported to the senate at the very earliest opportunity.

While the senate bill differs greatly from the house bill, Mr. Byrnes is of the opinion that in conference the differences can be adjusted and a bill passed providing the means by which the national government shall aid the States in road building.

He says the house will not balk at the reduction of the appropriation by the senate to \$5,000,000; that what he and his associates want is to have the principle of federal aid enacted into law. The appropriation can then be increased whenever congress deems it wise.

Secretary Houston is so deeply interested in the matter that though the bill does not contain all his ideas on the subject of road legislation Mr. Byrnes believes that the legislation will be approved by the secretary and the president.

JUDSON IS HONORED.

Seven Thousand Delegates Join at Baptist Convention.

Nashville, Tenn., May 17.—Seven thousand delegates and visitors filled the Riman auditorium this afternoon to take part in the big Judson centennial mass meeting, which was held as a part of the program of the Southern Baptist convention. One hundred years ago Adoniram Judson the first Baptist missionary, was appointed for service in foreign fields, and the life of the great religious worker was reviewed to-day by three speakers, who also told of the work done by the Baptist denomination. The speakers were: The Rev. J. B. Gambrell of Dallas, Texas, the Rev. E. M. Poter of Greenville, S. C., and Dr. W. W. Hamilton of Lynchburg, Va.

It was explained that the Judson centennial movement was launched at the Southern Baptist convention at Oklahoma City in 1912, and is an effort to raise \$1,250,000 from that time as a great missionary fund.

An effort will be made to secure the rest of the fund this year.

Dr. Gambrell expressed the belief that the split in the church 50 years ago had helped the denomination.

A DEPLORABLE ACCIDENT.

Daughter of Mr. Henry Creech Killed By Mowing Machine.

Saluda Creech, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. Henry Creech, who resides near Olar, died in a hospital in Columbia Saturday, as a result of injuries sustained by the little girl in an accident.

While Mr. Creech was cutting oats with a reaper and binder on Saturday, the little girl brought some fresh water to him in the field. He had stopped the machine to drink the water. Saluda was standing nearby. The mules became unmanageable and dashed off, and in the sudden start the blade of the reaper came in contact with the girl. One foot was completely severed and the other almost severed. The father secured assistance immediately, and later the child was hurried to a Columbia hospital, where an operation was performed, the little girl dying a few hours afterward. The child was an unusually bright little girl, and the parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Blackfeet Braves Visit Chief's Grave

Charleston, S. C., May 18.—Twelve Blackfeet Indians, including Chief Medicine Owl, to-day visited the grave of Osceola, the famous Seminole chief, at Fort Moultrie here. They later departed for Richmond, Va. The Indians attended the recent meeting of the Mystic Shrine in Atlanta.

BROWN WAS DROWNED.

Newberry Farmer is Not Believed to Have Met Foul Play.

Newberry, May 18.—The body of Hagood Brown, who visited his set hooks in Broad river, near Strothers, at 11 o'clock Saturday night and did not return, was found this morning in ten feet of water near the bank where the boat was found yesterday. The coroner and the sheriff have just returned from holding the inquest. No mark of violence was found on the body. Drs. Jno. B. Setzler and E. H. Moore made an autopsy and pronounced drowning the cause of death.

The suspicion of foul play has been almost destroyed by the condition of the body and the statement of the two negroes, John Sims and Joe Dawkins, who were with the deceased Saturday night, that they were all three drinking. It is supposed Brown slipped into the water while trying to get out of the boat.

The inquest will be resumed Friday morning at 11 o'clock in the court house. Much sympathy is felt for the father, Frank Brown, who has been greatly afflicted. One son disappeared mysteriously some years ago and was never heard of again, and another was thrown by a mule and becoming entangled in the gears was dragged to his death.

The body of Hagood Brown was buried this afternoon at 5 o'clock at St. Matthew's church by the grave of his mother.

TAFT SPEAKS ON MEXICO.

Former President Criticizes Course of the Administration.

New York, May 18.—Former President William H. Taft gave his views on the Mexican situation yesterday in an address at the Free Synagogue's celebration of Peace Sunday. While he expressed little hope that the pending mediation conference would accomplish its immediate purpose he declared the office of the mediation and the United States' acceptance was an important step toward the future settlement of international difficulties in the Western hemisphere.

The former president asserted that there was no popular pressure for a military policy which the administration can not resist. He said that the people were determined to do their duty, even should that duty involve war. But for war, he added, the people at present have little enthusiasm.

Mr. Taft criticized the Wilson administration for aid which, he said, the administration had given to the Mexican constitutionalists. "It is my judgment," he said, "that if, in our course toward Mexico during the past year, we had not exerted such direct influence as we have, to aid one of the contending parties, we should not now be so near general intervention and war."

Mr. Taft called on all Americans to aid the president in his efforts to find peace.

Mr. Taft took the place of Secretary of State Bryan, whose duties at Washington prevented him from fulfilling an engagement to address the congregation on "International Peace." Oscar Straus also spoke. He pointed out that the Russian-Japanese war was settled through mediation and that interference by an outside power in an international dispute was no longer regarded as an unfriendly act.

Dies From Wounds.

Laurens, May 18.—Edgar Eubanks, the young mill operative, who was shot by John Q. Cunningham at Clinton early Sunday morning, died at the Laurens hospital last night. It is said that he made no statement about the shooting, though he was conscious and discussed his condition up to a few hours before he died. The inquest was held this afternoon at Clinton.

BATTLESHIP GETS TROPHY.

Arkansas Receives Reward for Record Marksmanship.

Vera Cruz, May 18.—The naval gunnery trophy presented by the city of Spokane in 1908 was received to-day by the battleship Arkansas, for the work performed by No. 3 turret last year, when a world's record was established by its twelve-inch guns, which fired six shots and made six hits in 57 seconds. The trophy was displayed in the ward room mess and a dinner in honor of the occasion was given, at which a number of guests were present.